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A Message to the Black Male Collegian

*Let us Abolish the Thoughts That
Blacks are Inferior to Whites in Intellectual Levels*

At the time of Ralph Ellison's *The Invisible Man*, the Black male of that day faced difficulties in escaping the pervasive brutalities of racial prejudice as well as stereotypes that sought to oppress him even further. Today, though these barriers still exist, we must admit that they exist to a significantly small degree. These obstacles will probably be here for some time, therefore they must be dealt with.

When one examines the myths ascribed to the Black male of today as compared with those of yesterday, it is discovered that there is little difference between the fallacies of these different eras. To be honest, there are some generalizations that Black men wish were as true as legend has it. Some of these stereotypes, that is if they existed solitarily, would be virtually harmless.

- All Black males are great lovers
- All Black males can sing and dance
- All Black males eat watermelon (I love the stuff)
- All Black men are good at football and basketball (add a little more and you would have an ebony version of Hitler's Master Race.)

On the other hand, there is one more classification that has been and that is devastating the Black male population: Black Males Are Inferior to Whites On Intellectual Levels. This is one stereotype that must be removed.

This is where the new Black male collegian finds his greatest challenge in this and upcoming decades.

The declining enrollments of Black men in our nation's institutions of high learning do nothing to extirpate these generalizations. These decreases have arisen as a result of deductions in federal funding for college, the breakdown of the Black family and sadly enough, lack of motivation and sense of responsibility.

I mention the latter for a few reasons. It was not long ago when Black college students came to school with little more than paper sacks for suitcases, aspirations instead of automobiles, and dreams rather than worthless hopes of self-aggrandizement. How often do we witness the motivation of foreign students who excel in an effort to return to their native lands and liberate more of their people. Have we forgotten the risks taken and scars of hatred received by James Meredith and the Little Rock Nine so that we could come but one step closer to the finishing of freedom?

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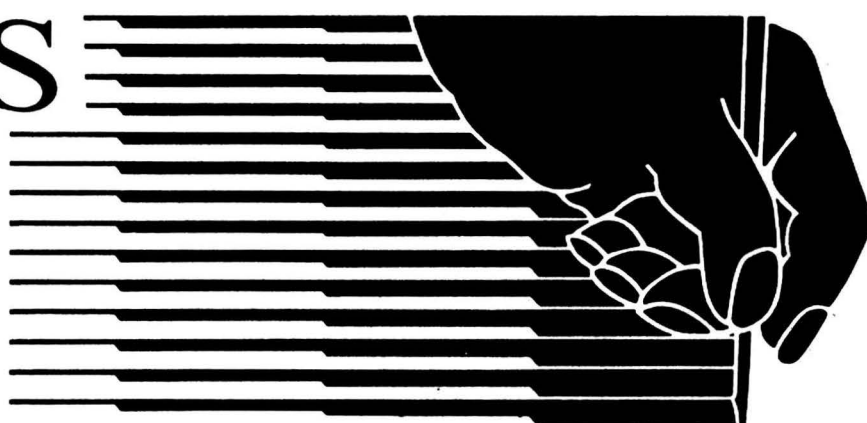
Our greatest and most influential positions in America will be the leadership positions in governmental and business affairs that we assume as a result of our education. The new Black collegian who accepts these responsibilities will fortify our communities as he establishes a power base within our government.

The Black male collegian will then rise as a modern, more adamant Jacob who will intrepidly wrestle the puissant angels of ignorance until he, and all around him are blessed with potent, lifelong knowledge. As some knew Joshua he will make the sun stand still as he becomes a giant among the people of America--for he knows that giants are invisible to no man.

Edited by A. Frankson

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Graduating Class of 1988!!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



DEAR EDITOR:

Author Alfred E. Piombino, a college business law instructor and notary public, wrote "Notary Public Handbook: A Guide For New York" (East Coast Publishing, \$9.95) to meet a long-standing need for a well-organized, clearly written and comprehensive guide on the office of notary public. It "demystifies" the office of notary public in New York State by clarifying many misconceptions and inappropriate practices that result from the lack of accurate information available to notaries public and the general public.

There are more than 200,000 notaries public in New York. Although some states have a formal education structure, New York does not require candidates to complete any orientation to be eligible for appointment.

"After teaching many notary public training programs and speaking with the participants, some being already commissioned, I have found that there is a tremendous need and desire for knowledge," said Piombino. "Their complaints about frustration resulting from the lack of readily available and substantial information have helped convince me that a guide of this type

is desperately needed."

"Most candidates prepare for the required, pre-appointment examination with a skimpy, state-provided booklet, which is typically the extent of information that each (candidate) receives," explains Piombino. "The material contained in the 12-page pamphlet is a 'hodge-podge' of laws and definitions, brimming with paragraph-long sentences of 'legalese,'" Piombino asserts.

"This disarray of information is a far-cry from a clearly written, easy-to-use reference guide. Rather than stimulating enthusiasm and a desire to learn more about the office, this leaflet causes unnecessary apprehension. It does not promote a clear understanding of notarial duties and responsibilities," said Piombino. "Besides having inadequate reference material to prepare for the examination, the validity of the required state examination can be questioned as merely testing a candidate's ability to memorize legal definitions, obscure laws and trivial information."

Guidelines and regulations governing notaries public are not found in one source. Instead, they are scattered among numerous, separate volumes

of state law, including general construction law, real property law, executive law, public officers law, negotiable instruments law, banking law, domestic relations law, election law, penal law, judiciary law, civil practice laws and rules, and the New York State Constitution.

This reference book is filled with helpful suggestions gained from actual situations experienced by notaries public working a variety of fields. It is the single best reference for anyone who needs to understand this vital public office.

East Coast Publishing will release additional handbooks for the States of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Connecticut this fall.

"Notary Public Handbook: A Guide For New York" may be obtained at any Waldenbooks, Barnes and Noble, and all other bookstores.

MTV: Music Television would like to invite you and your students to be part of our audience for the innovative hit game called REMOTE CONTROL. The contestants are college students who will be answering questions based on television and pop culture trivia.

WHY: It is a terrific opportunity for students interested in music, communications and the arts to see "behind the scenes" the taping of a television show. It's a chance to learn and have a great time.

WHEN: Taping will begin on Wednesday, May 25th and run through Friday, June 17th.

WHERE: Unitel Studios, 402 East 76th Street in New York City. All tickets are complimentary.

RSVP: We do expect a large demand for tickets so if you are interested in coming with a group of your students, please contact me as soon as possible at 212-807-9393, ext. 449, so we can discuss the details and guarantee your seats.

I am enclosing a copy of our press release for your further information and I hope you will consider joining us in this very exciting project.

Sincerely,
Lynda Fisher
Director/Audience Relations
(PLEASE POST IN A PLACE WHERE YOUR FACULTY AND STUDENTS CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY.)

PEOPLE TO WATCH

Writer of the Month Winner: Denise Nelley

APRIL'S BLOSSOM

by Keith R. Gillespie

One of the joys of spring is its promises of blossoms to seeds planted in the bitterness of winter. This April's blossom, Denise Nelley, is the English Department's writer of the month.

A freshman at Bronx Community College, Denise's major is Special Education. Drawing from person experience, namely her younger brother, Denise feels a special sense of duty to help disabled children.

The ability to illuminate from dark situations seems to be characteristic of Denise. From her opening paragraph, Denise captures the defiant despair of her grandmother, and draws from her own personal experience with her grandmother, to highlight the problems faced by the elderly in America.

When her professor, Jerry Lebowitz, suggested the topic for her English OI class, Denise at first decided "it was far too personal a topic for me to write on objectively."

Denise wants to become a school teacher, focusing on Special Education. She admits "It's my way of being part of society in a positive way."

Much of her dedication is inspired by Elie Wiesel, the Nobel Peace prize winning author, whose novels on the Holocaust, have taught her "indifference is the opposite of love; you can't say you love and not care."

Denise admittedly doesn't intend writing professionally. Her earnest devotion to pick roses from the thorns of life, would probably keep her busy anyway.

"It's Great to Get Old"

by Denise Nelley

I knock on the door and patiently await an answer. I listen and hear the thump of a cane on the hard wood floor, edging slowly toward the door. "It's great to get old," my grandmother says facetiously as she opens the door, apologizing for making me wait. Through her I learn first hand the problems of the aged. Loneliness, ailing health, and lack of money are just some of the problems old people must deal with.

For one thing loneliness seems endemic among old people in America. With difficulty getting around, many spend most of their time confined to their apartments, awaiting visits from family or friends. Through my grandmother I realize that as much as an old person's family may care about her, the family obviously have lives of their own, and cannot visit as much as an old person would like. And when a person is very old, most of his friends have already died and so he spends most of his time alone.

Poor health is also a major problem for old people. Something as simple

as going out shopping for food can be a major task. Any number of physical ailments create a problem. Take, for example, a person with cataracts, a common eye problem among old people. The severely blurred vision caused by cataracts makes it difficult for the person to even see the labels on the merchandise she's buying or the amount of money she'll have to pay. Health problems can make life very difficult for an old person.

Last but not least is the financial burden old people must cope with. The rising costs of basic necessities, such as food, housing, and health care, are especially difficult for old people to meet. Sadly, most are forced to compromise what they need for what they can afford. Take, for example, an old person who buys pounds of inexpensive pasta for dinner every night. While the person may need other nutrients, she forfeits this need to what she can afford. Financial problems also make life very difficult for an old person.

There is no one easy way to alleviate the problems of the aged. Simply being aware of them is a step in the right direction toward a solution.

IMPORTANT FINAL EXAM NOTICE

The earlier draft of the exam schedule has some new changes. Be sure to check the new schedules in your department offices and outside of the Scheduling Office; Colston 525.

Get
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in Student
Activities

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1989 Miss New York USA Seeking College Women

The 1989 Miss New York USA pageant committee is seeking delegates to participate in the 38th annual pageant to select the Empire State representative to MISS USA, CBS-TV nationally televised finals, organized and produced by Miss Universe, Inc., a subsidiary of Madison Square Garden Productions.

The lovely Catskill Resort, STEVENSVILLE COUNTRY CLUB, Swan Lake, New York will host the three day state finals beginning Friday, November 18-20th, 1988.

PERFORMING TALENT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT!

Judging is based on three equal categories including Personality Interview, Evening gown and Swimsuit presentation.

Self-enhancement seminars are conducted to build self-esteem and self-confidence with instruction on stage technique and personal presentation.

A special award will be given to Miss Amity.

Applications are not being accepted from single women Over 17 and under 25 years of age as of FEBRUARY 1st, 1989; never married, U.S. Citizens and state resident for a minimum of 6 months (dormitory accepted).

In addition to the all-expense paid opportunity to represent the state at the national telecast and win over

\$200,000 in cash and prizes, the state winner's prize package totalling nearly \$25,000 includes \$2,000 cash, a Norwegian blue fox fur jacket from the internationally famous Flemington Fur Company, luggage, wardrobe, interviews with major commercial agents and many more.

Linnea Mancini 23, from Carmel, will crown her successor.

Please send name, address, telephone number and Date of Birth to: MISS NEW YORK USA, DEPT. "CP", P.O. BOX 834, East Brunswick, N.J. 08816.

Free Spring Concert at BCC

Bronx Community and College Choir is presenting a free Spring concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 15, in the Gould Memorial Library Auditorium, University Avenue and West 181 Street, The Bronx. The public is welcome.

The concert will feature music by Schubert, Foster and Bloch. Professor John C. Hamell of the college's Department of Music and Art will conduct.

Special guest artist will be soprano Donna Schutz.

The renowned Hall of Fame for Great Americans, located next to the Gould Memorial Library, will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BCC Presents Dizzy Gillespie in Concert

Dizzy Gillespie and his All-Star Jazz Band will present a free concert from 3 to 5 p.m., Sunday, May 22, in Bronx Community College Memorial Library Auditorium, University Avenue and West 181 Street, The Bronx. The public is welcome.

Gillespie, the "Abraham Lincoln of Jazz," is one of the great pioneers of 20th Century American music. He is credited with coining the word bebop—a unique harmonic form with rhythmic nuances which influenced the jazz world.

Touring the world with his band, Dizzy has served as an ambassador of good will under the sponsorship of the U.S. Department of State. Acclaimed for musicianship wherever he appears, his technical ability, genius for musical arrangement and showmanship won him the **Down Beat** award as outstanding trumpeter.

Featured will be pianist, composer and conductor Valerie Capers, chairperson of the Department of Music and Art at Bronx Community College. One of the winners of *Essence* Magazine 1987 "Women of the Year" Awards, Valerie has dazzled insiders of the American music establishment. *Essence* called her "one of New York's best kept secrets."

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BASIS

I walked in and he was sitting there
I just stopped and stared
no matter how many times I saw him
his beauty still took my breath away
I walked up to him and showed
him the palm of my hand.
He looked puzzled at first
so I touched his cheek, it was smooth
he must have shaven this morning
cause he didn't have that
rough masculine look I liked so much.
With my thumb I gently traced his
lips
I bent forward and kissed him
his lips parted, I could taste
the moisture of his mouth
it was cool and clean.
He welcomed my kiss and returned
it
It lasted only a few seconds
but it felt like a lifetime
When at last it ended

I looked into his eyes
I thought I'd see confusion
but I didn't, they didn't even question
there was just a silent acceptance
as I turned and left the room

Catherine Velazquez

WITHIN

Was it me or was that
the real you
What I perceived was
totally wrong
You're not the considerate
person I thought you were
In fact you're cold
Who is that,
that lives inside of you
the person with all the
aggression

And who do you think you are
how dare you judge
me for being me
I'm just as good as you are
and you aren't perfect
I'm far from it.

Catherine Velazquez

ADRIAN

What am I going to do
with him
Each day I find myself
at a loss
Ever since he decided
to come out
he's caused me pain
But when I saw him days
later, I was happy
all the pain forgotten
Maybe I'm the fool.

How much longer will I
be able to contain myself
How many more fights
shall we have
I know he wants power
to see how far I will
allow him to go
And I let him go far
To see the smile on his face
I would do anything.
Sometimes when I hold him
and he falls asleep
with his head on my shoulders
I feel his heart beat
against mine
And I pray that I may have
patience and lots of understanding
I pray for wisdom so
that I may teach him
to the best of my ability
for he's my child.
Catherine Velazquez

COMMUNITY NEWS

UP IN ALBANY A MONTH TOO LATE

by Sandra Alamo

Tenants, tenant advocates, associations and their leadership will be marching on Albany on Tuesday, May 24th, 1988 to bring their agenda on housing to the forefront of Assembly people and Governor Cuomo.

Last year in April, a depot of busses arrived in Albany depositing more

than 2,000 residents including Mitchell-Lama tenants to secure fair rent legislation and tenant protection laws. The Governor, after a long demonstration outside of his office, met with the crowd in a small press room to hear testimonies from his constituents and assure them of his "visible" support.

A year has passed and the Governor has yet to be visible on this issue. Although newspaper reports his claim to have created 145,000 new units of housing, the NorthWest Bronx

Community and Clergy Coalition reports that fewer than 24,000 were produced. Homelessness and technical homelessness (when families double-up) continues to rise with no end in sight. Tenants throughout the Bronx are being evicted and priced out of their apartments. The biggest crunch has been to families, the elderly and college students.

Local lobbyists criticize the timing of the trips to Albany at a time when "the budget has already been passed

for this coming fiscal year and so it is always one month too late."

If you are interested in joining the March for Affordable Housing in Albany, contact the NorthWest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition at 2751 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10468 (212) 933-3101. Make reservations for the Albany bus through them by May 12th. A contribution of \$15., if you can afford it, is encouraged to cover the cost of the bus.

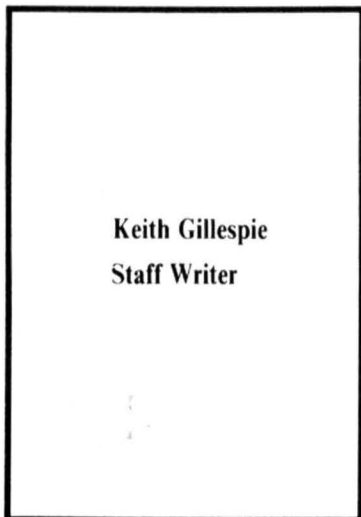
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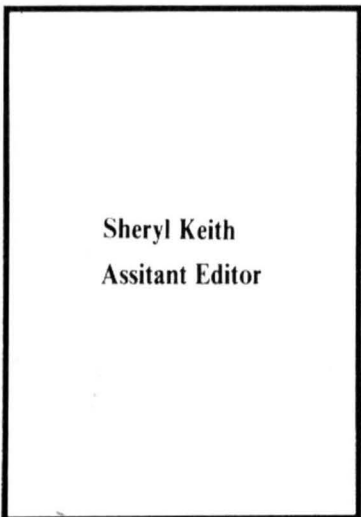
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CAMPUS UPDATE

BCC Students Visit Elderly Clients PROJECT SOS

In the 1800's when social work was being organized, the term Friendly Visitors became the name given to those women who visited the poor providing comfort and limited concrete services.

Project SOS, a B.C.C. program of the Department of Continuing Education, was able to renew the Friendly Visitor concept this fall by sending three Bronx Community College students to visit several elderly clients. The students visited their clients weekly. The clients received comfort, warmth, and a willing listener to voice their complaints, fears and concerns. The students were alert to any problems their client may have had. They immediately would tell the social worker at Project SOS any problem affecting the client and it would be attended to.

The students received a small stipend provided by Chemical Bank. Hopefully, next year Chemical Bank will choose Project SOS again so that the Friendly Visitor project can continue.

The students have made comments on their experience as Friendly Visitors.

Milagro Santana said:

"Being given the opportunity to share myself with the aged I have gained a great experience, and I feel it has also made a difference in my clients' life as well. You would be amazed at how a small amount of your time can create a wonderful and meaningful experience for the elderly. I give praise

to Project SOS for creating this program to benefit both the young as well as the elderly."

Francisca Gonzalez said:

"I felt that by being a Friendly Visitor it helped me to see how a social worker would work with her or his clients. I learned that a social worker has a great responsibility with her client. A social worker has to speak out for her client, she also has to be sure her client is living away from poverty, is getting the proper nutrition, and is also getting the proper medical attention he/she would need. I would recommend this to any student who is taking this curriculum because it is a unique experience."

Carrie Hunte said:

"During my study in the Friendly Visitor program at Project SOS I found it to be very interesting. It gave me a lot to look forward to. I learned a great deal of how the seniors have to live and suffer as well. I liked the program because it gave me a chance to help others. I loved the people that I was assigned to. They also made me begin to think about my own life more seriously. I found the program to be a very rewarding and enjoyable one for me. I would highly recommend that everyone in the Human Services field participate in it. Hopefully, I will be able to participate again when I take my next class in Human Services next fall."



Milagro Santana (center)



Francisca Gonzales & Carrie Hunte

DIAL A CONDOM INFO

NEW YORK--During the first 28 days of service, the National Condom Information Hotline received more than 30,000 calls from concerned Americans at a rate of more than 1,000 calls per day.

Anyone in the United States can pick up a phone and discreetly dial the 9-1/2 minute recorded message on the importance and proper use of condoms as protection against sexually transmitted diseases (STD), including AIDS.

Available nationwide on a 24-hour basis, the call-in number is 1-900-660-LIFE.

The message callers hear has been reviewed for technical accuracy by experts at the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

All calls are charged \$1.50 for the first minute and .35 for each additional minute. A ten-minute listen runs less than \$5. Callers can listen twice through the message (20 minutes) without hanging up, for a total of \$8.15. Charges appear on the AT&T portion of callers' phone bills.

The Condom Information Hotline is the creation of writer/producer Stephen Fuchs, 40, of Honolulu, who recognized the educational value and instant-access of the telephone to inform the public on proper condom use, and as a means for people to get the frank, practical information they need, in a private way.

"If you think of the hotline as sort of telethon," says Fuchs, "the goal

is to receive more calls than the number of cases of STD being received daily by doctors."

So far, sexually transmitted diseases are way ahead of condom education. While the hotline is receiving 1,000 calls a day, doctors are treating about 28,000 cases of STD every day across the nation.

Last year in the United States more than ten million cases of STD were reported, including chlamydia, HPV (genital warts), gonorrhea, penicillin-resistant gonorrhea, recurring genital herpes, hepatitis B, syphilis, chancroid and AIDS, among others, according to the CDC.

More than 54,000 cases of AIDS have been diagnosed in the U.S. since 1981. New cases are now being reported at a rate of 400 per week. CDC estimates that 1.5 million Americans are infected with the AIDS virus and that a majority of them will become sick with AIDS or AIDS-related symptoms within eight years after infection.

Currently, there is neither a vaccine to prevent HIV infection, nor treatment to protect people from the consequences of infection. The only weapon now at hand is education on how the virus is and is not transmitted, so that people can take adequate precautions for prevention. For most people, this entails the proper and regular use of condoms.

Fewer than half the states have mandated AIDS- or STD-related education into their school systems at this point in time.

Net proceeds from the hotline will be donated to the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR).

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MURPHY CALLED FOR "BIG BUCKS" \$21.6 MILLION

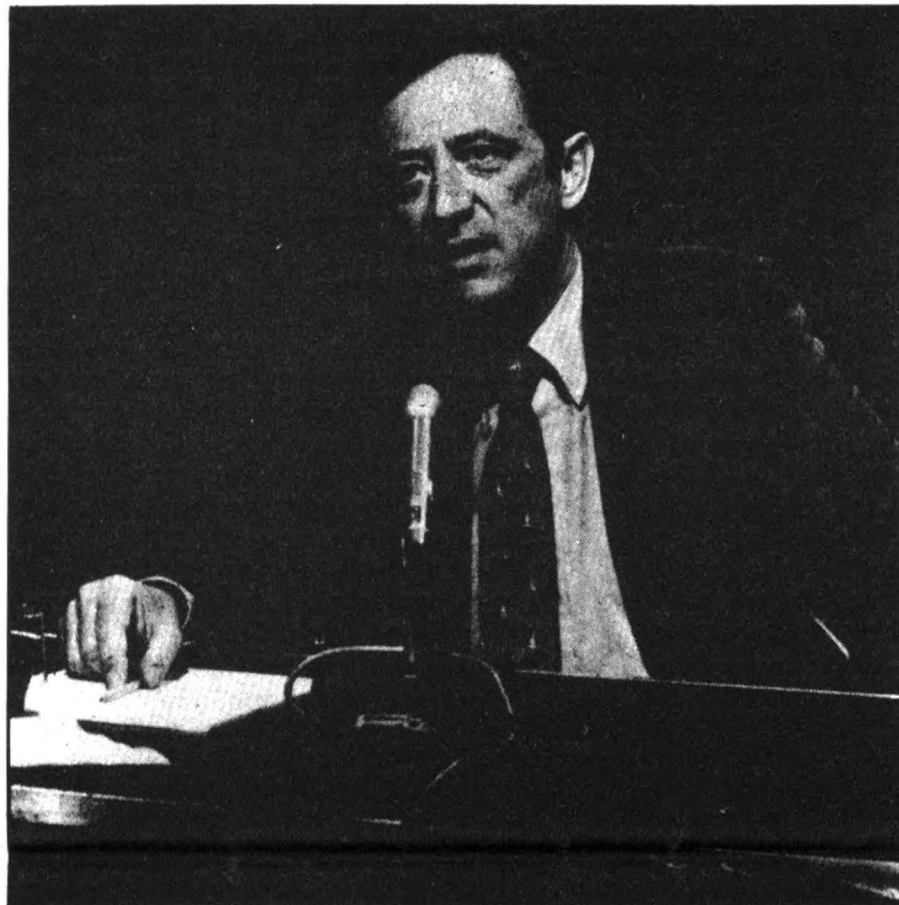
City Council & Board of Estimate to Improve Devastating 1988-89 Budget

If the New York City Financial Plan for 1988-89 is implemented, it will have "devastating and far reaching" effects on CUNY's seven community colleges, "impairing every area of college operations," City University Chancellor Joseph S. Murphy told a joint hearing of the New York City Council and Board of Estimate on March 29.

Chancellor Murphy called for \$21.6 million in budget restorations and additions. The funds are crucial, he said, to continue support for student success initiatives that serve as national models such as Pre-freshman Summer Skills Development, collaborative programs with the public schools, on-campus child care centers, and enhanced student counseling, as well as other programs such as worker education and a project to link community college libraries by computer to the entire university library system.

Close to 60,000 students are enrolled in degree programs in the seven CUNY community colleges--Bronx, Medgar Evers, Hostos, Kingsborough, LaGuardia, Borough of Manhattan, and Queensborough. Seventy-five percent are the first in their families to attend college; one out of three comes from a family in which a language other than English is spoken, and the majority are black and Hispanic. Almost one-third are single parents and most of the students have to work part- or full-time while attending school.

"These men and women put their hopes for the future in these institutions" Chancellor Murphy said.



Dr. Joseph S. Murphy.

The community colleges, he added, open an important avenue of entry to full baccalaureate level training for many not prepared to make a smooth transition from high school to senior college. They also foster the economic development of the city by providing industry and government with a large supply of trained personnel, in lower and middle-level technical and managerial fields.

The proposed budget plan will result in cuts of over \$1 million per community college, Chancellor Murphy told the city officials, urging them to support the university's full request.

"To ask us to continue to sustain these reductions, which are beyond

our capacity, is to neglect the University, the New Yorkers it serves, and the major contributions they make to the vitality and economic growth of this city," he said.

The City University of New York, the nation's leading urban university, comprises nine senior colleges, seven community colleges, one technical college, a graduate school, a law school, a medical school, and an affiliated school of medicine. More than 183,000 students are enrolled in academic programs and another 70,000 in adult and continuing education programs offered at campuses located throughout the five boroughs of the City of New York.

Murphy Said Neediest College Students will Benefit \$\$ Increase

Dr. Joseph S. Murphy, Chancellor of The City University of New York and Chairman of the National Pell Grant Coalition, said the U.S. Education Department's decision not to cut Pell Grants to more than three million college students who will attend school next year "reaffirms what we have been contending all along, that there are adequate resources to fund the \$100 increase that Congress intended for the poorest of our college students."

He added, "This decision coming near the height of the Presidential primary season is a welcome action. All Candidates for the Presidency should examine the action of the Education Department and should address the specific need to increase Pell Grants to meet the rising costs of higher education for needy students."

Under the Education Department's plan announced earlier this year, every Pell Grant would have been cut or the Department would have eliminated the Pell Grants for 50,000 college students entirely and reduced the grants for about a million others.

Opposed by the Pell Grant Coalition, the plan was proposed by the Education Department to cover what they interpreted as a shortfall between the money appropriated by Congress and the amount needed to fund all eligible students. The Coalition had called upon Congressional leaders to reverse the Education Department's decision and require full payment of grants, contending that adequate money was available. The Education Department announced this week that it had recalculated the budget, found that a shortfall did not exist, and that full

payments would be made in the fall.

Chancellor Murphy noted that the Department's action will allow the full \$100 increase in the maximum Pell Grant (from \$2100 to \$2200) next fall as mandated by Congress. He also called upon Congress to pass a FY 89 Pell Grant appropriation high enough to support an additional \$200 rise in the maximum grant for academic year 1989-99 to keep pace with rising college costs.

The National Pell grant Coalition represents 33 major education, labor, student and civil rights organizations around the country. The Pell Grant Program provides the basic foundation of financial aid to students who could not afford college without federal help. Almost 3 million students now receive the grants. About half the students have incomes below \$6,000 a year.

"Say No to Sexual Harassment on Campus"

"Sexual Harassment on Campus" was a topic of a conference sponsored by the Institute for Women and Work held at the Borough of Manhattan Community College/CUNY, Friday, April 8.

In panel discussions and workshops the conference focused on the impact of sexual harassment, the law, and strategies for raising the issue on campus, intervening and problem solving. Administrators, faculty and students from a variety of colleges in the northeast participated in the conference. Surveys by Harvard, Indiana, and Yale Universities and the University of Pennsylvania have found that large numbers of female professors, graduate, and undergraduate students have encountered sexual harassment from either a faculty member or administrator.

Trial for Nukeport Protestors Scheduled

The "Stapleton 38", arrested for demonstrating at the proposed nukeport site on July Fourteenth of last year will be tried in Criminal Court, 67 Targee Street, Staten Island, N.Y. on Monday, May 23, 1988. Witnesses expert in nuclear matters — legal, physical, medical — are scheduled to give testimony on Tuesday and Wednesday of that week.

The thirty eight arrestees, people from all walks of life and every part of the Metropolitan area, were forced to resort to Civil Disobedience after a referendum in 1985 and numerous court remedies were thwarted by political measures. There is an imminent danger to millions of New Yorkers in allowing a nuclear arsenal to be anchored in New York's busy harbor. The thirty eight pledge to continue their resistance.

The trial represents another step in a continuing campaign of action and lobbying to stop the nukeport. Spearheading the campaign is the Coalition for a Nuclear-free Harbor, an area-wide organization made up of numerous individuals and some 125 community, peace, environmental, and religious organizations. The coalition has recently completed an environmental safety study, available from their office at 135 W. 4 Street, 10012; tel. 212 226-7161.

In June, New York City will host the Third Special Session on Disarmament. It is incongruous that New York be at once a Center for Peace — and home to a formidable nuclear arsenal. Plans are in place for a massive, daylong peace rally at the nukeport site on Monday, June 13.

Community News

Let There Be Light

by Sandra Alamo

Several local residents near P.S. 79 and community organizations met with the New York Central Board of Education on April 20th, 1988 at their 6 pm Public Meeting to voice their desire to rid the schoolyard of drug addicts, pit bulls and prostitutes. Concerned with the atmosphere at night and their effect on their children, they concluded that the lack of light in the inner U-shaped schoolyard encouraged criminal and drug activity.

Weekend meetings were held unifying the different area groups to pressure the city to repair the street lights at Cameron Place and Morris Avenue. Once this victory was won the groups decided to "light up the school."

Representatives from the North West Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition, South Fordham Organization, the Early Childhood Child-Centered Parent's Group, the New Creston Community and the P.S. 79 Parent Association Building Committee chairperson spoke before the newly appointed Chancellor Green about the poor lighting conditions as well as to question the date for the final repairs on the rest of the school site. (Renovations have been underway since 1984 and most recently the contractor who won the bid for the modernization has been taken to court by the Board of Education on con-

ditions allegedly created by them at P.S. 79.)\$F1 At the center of the speeches was the issue of how the blatant drug activity affected the children. Drug paraphanaellia is often found in and around the schoolyard. Human and dog feces and urine are deposited at various sites of the yard. One such area lies very near the main lunchroom where children smell the stench of urine while they eat. The very psychological effects on the children and how these Black and Latino children view themselves and their future was also a concern to the community leaders.

Chancellor Green invited the community to return to the Board next month in May to give him an update of the progress. He commended them for their wok on behalf of the children and directed Steven Schwager, Chief Executive of School Buildings to take specific information for immediate action.

As of this writing, the lights on the roof of the school has been functioning. There are stronger florescent lights over the main lunchroom exitway and the aluminum wall partially closing off the inner U-shaped schoolyard has been dismantled so that all activity can be more visible and vulnerable to the new foot patrols initiated by the 46th Precinct's Captain Patrick Biggins.

Recycling Can Alleviate Garbage Problems

by Harrison J. Goldin

Too many New Yorkers still throw out their garbage and forget about it. Collectively, we dispose of some 54 millions pounds of trash every day, 19 billion pounds every year. It is a huge mountain of garbage that threatens to bury us if we don't mend our careless disposal habits.

Mandatory recycling can alleviate our looming garbage crisis. Here and there, responsible New Yorkers have recycled newspapers, glass and cans on a voluntary basis for several decades. But voluntary recycling deals with less than one percent of the waste stream. That is not enough.

For that reason I urge support for the New York City Recycling Law, which I drafted with City Council Members Ruth Messinger (D-Man.) and Sheldon Leffler (D-Queens) and that is under consideration by the City Council.

Known as Intro. 952, the legislation would establish annual recycling requirements of 10% of the City's waste stream within a year of passage, 15% within two years, 20% within three years and 25% within four years. Initially, four types of garbage (such as newspapers, glass, aluminum containers and corrugated cardboard), to be determined by the Commissioner of Sanitation, would be recycled. Others would be added later.

The legislation would require the City to adopt a comprehensive, mandatory recycling policy. In addition to mandating identification of which materials must be recycled, it would provide for drop off centers, buy back centers and material processing centers.

An essential element is public education; ingrained habits must be changed, with community support and participation essential to successful recycling. Thus, the bill provides for Citizen Recycling Advisory Boards in each borough to review the recycling plans and practices of the Department of Sanitation.

It calls for flexible recycling options that could be tailored to the needs of specific communities and permits staggered implementation throughout the City over a two-year period. In addition, yard waste that could be used for composting and dry cell batteries that contain toxic substances would be collected separately.

In addition to alleviating the garbage crisis, recycling paper, glass, steel and aluminum could save sizeable amounts of energy. In the case of aluminum, for example, energy savings involved in the manufacture of new products from recycled aluminum can be as high as 97%.

Recycling can save taxpayers money, too. The anticipated reduction of the waste stream would lessen construction

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and operating costs for proposed resource recovery plants, a potential saving of hundreds of millions of dollars.

Ultimately, recycling depends on viable markets for recycled materials. Hence, the bill requires the Department of General Services to modify its procurement specifications to encourage the purchase by the City of goods of all kinds made from recycled materials. This market stimulation approach is used in a local law enacted at my request a year ago; it has led to the redrafting of procurement specifications to encourage City purchases of paper products with recycled content. The City has already signed contracts to purchase recycled paper products.

The proposed Recycling Law does not ask New Yorkers to do anything not already required of other Americans. Philadelphia, San Francisco and Seattle, New Jersey, Connecticut and Rhode Island, have all recognized that recycling is an idea whose time has come. Recycling must be made the official policy of New York, too.

New Yorkers have a dual obligation -- first to lobby actively for the passage of Intro. 952 and then, when recycling becomes the law of the City, to make it work.

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